

I am adamantly opposed to the direction that the FCC is taking with regard to moving backwards from the Title II net neutrality rules. I believe that it is naive to assume that strict rules are no longer needed to enforce equal access to the internet. The direction the FCC is advocating, with ISPs setting their own rules and the FCC enforcing on a case by case basis, is, in effect, allowing the ISPs to pretty much do whatever they want at whatever cost to most consumers. The FCC is never going to be staffed or funded to really take on ISPs in favor of consumers. There is currently insufficient competition between broadband providers in the US to make your desired policy work. Most Americans have access to only one high-speed supplier and nothing in the FCC proposal addresses that issue. The end result will be more power in the hands of a small number of companies, with less and less oversight to safeguard the greater interests of consumers and the nation.

This is not only bad for continued innovation and free development of many options for consumers. It is bad for democracy in general when too much control over what information people have access to, and how they gain access, is in the hands of a few companies. The current rules (Title II) need to be maintained.